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SUBJECT : COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE--WATER AUGMENTATION

PROJECT FOR UAE

REF: (A) STATE 104327, (B) STATE 52384

1. PRESIDENTIAL DIWAN IS FINALLY MOVING AHEAD TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN AT LEAST FOR PRESENT TO KEEP PROJECT UNDER THE DIWAN ALTHOUGH THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL BE SHIFTED TO FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ONCE MINISTER RETURNS FOR UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI. IN MEANTIME, SHAIKH ZAYED HAS INDICATED HE WANTS THINGS TO GET MOVING AND AS RESULT PRESSURE IS FINALLY ON TO HAVE AGREEMENT SIGNED AND MOVE PROJECT AHEAD.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO RAISE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL POINTS RE TEXT OF AGREEMENT ITSELF IN ORDER THAT DRAFT CAN BE PUT BEFORE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR ITS APPROVAL AND TRANSLATION INTO ARABIC. POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AS PER REF B, AGREEMENT IS TO BE BETWEEN EITHER UAEG OR ADG (POINT STILL TO BE DECIDED) AND USG. WE PROPOSE ON COVER PAGE TO STATE GOBT OF USA VICE  
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BUREAU. LIKEWISE WE WILL CHANGE HEADING ON PAGE 1.

AND SIGNATURES ON PAGE 10. OTHERWISE TEXT WILL REMAIN AS IS ON THIS POINT WITH "RECLAMATION" REMAINING ACTION AGENCY FOR USG.

(B) ARTICLE 1, PARA 2. LINE ONE--INSERT AFTER "RECLAMATION SHALL" WORDS "FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GOVERNMENT".

LINE 3--INSERT AFTER "AND SHALL MAKE" WORDS "SUCH RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS" AND STRIKE OUT WORDS "THE SAME" TOWARDS END OF LINE.

LINE 4--INSERT AFTER "THE GOVERNMENT" WORDS "ALL THE".

LINE 5--INSERT AFTER "RELATED TO THE SERVICES" WORDS "REQUESTED BY" WITH LINE CONTINUING TO READ "THE GOVERNMENT FROM TIME TO TIME."

(C) PAGE 3--PARA 1, LINE 6 AND 7--STRIKE WORDS "A FEASIBILITY DESIGN STUDY" AND REPLACE WITH WORDS "THE DUTIES REFERRED TO IN SCHEDULE A OF THIS AGREEMENT".

NOTE: THIS MAY BE MOST BASIC CHANGE SUGGESTED AND IS REFLECTED IN SUBSEQUENT SUGGESTED CHANGES BELOW. WHAT CONCERNS OFFICIALS HERE IS THAT IN THEIR TERMINOLOGY A FEASIBILITY STUDY IS RATHER SUPERFICIAL LOOK AT PROBLEM, ENTAILING LIMITED EXPENSE AND ONLY INTENDED TO GIVE ONE A FEEL FOR NATURE OF SITUATION AT HAND. NEXT STEP THEN IS DETAILED INVESTIGATION WHICH IS WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS ENTAILED IN CASE OF THIS AGREEMENT. THEY ARE THEREFORE MAKING NUMBER OF SUGGESTED CHANGES THAT INDICATE BUREC IS TO GO WELL BEYOND WHAT THEY CONSIDER "FEASIBILITY STUDY" TO PRODUCE DESIGNS, SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR ACTUAL DAMS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT SPECIFIED SPOTS. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THIS IS JUST PROBLEM OF SEMANTICS. IF SO IT CAN BE EASILY FIXED; IF NOT IT IS A PROBLEM BEST ADDRESSED RIGHT NOW.

(D) PARA 3, PARA 1, LAST LINE--AS PER REF B, REPLACE WORDS "THE RECLAMATION LAWS" WITH "ITS DOMESTIC PROGRAMS."

(E) PAGE 3, PARA 4, SENTENCE BEGINNING LAST LINE AND CARRYING OVER TO PAGE 4--OFFICIALS HERE SUGGEST IT BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY. IF ESSENTIAL, THEY WILL ACCEPT SUBLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STITUTION SUGGESTED PARA 1 C REF B, BUT THEY FEEL THAT ALTERNATIVE IS IN ITSELF REDUNDANT AND UNNECESSARY.

(F) PAGE 6, PARA 2.A., LINE 3--DELETE "ABU DHABI" AND REPLACE WITH "U.A.E."

PARA 2.B.I, LINE 3--MAKE SAME CHANGE.

(G) PAGE 9, PARA L, LINE 3--IN VIEW OF SLIPPAGE IN SIGN-

ING AND IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND EMBASSY BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO CHANGE TERMINAL DATE OF AGREEMENT TO "JUNE 30, 1978" TO INSURE ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY.

(H) PAGE 10--GOVERNMENT ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED. CHANGE ADDRESS FOLLOWING "FOR RECLAMATION" TO "AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES, US EMBASSY, P.O. BOX 4009, ABU DHABI". SIGNATURE BLOCKS WILL BOTH BE GOVERNMENTS WITH AMBASSADOR FOR USG AND SHAIKH SUROOR BIN MUHAMMAD AL-NAHAYAN, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENTIAL COURT FOR UAE.

(I) SCHEDULE A, PARA L, LINE 4--STRIKE "ABU DHABI" AND INSERT "THE".

(J) SCHEDULE A, PARA L.A.--CONSISTENT WITH POINT MADE SUB PARA C ABOVE, CHANGE FIRST THREE LINES TO READ "TO CARRY OUT A COMPLETE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR COLLECTING AND CONSERVING THE WATERS FROM SURFACE RUN-OFF IN THE UAE, INCLUDING FOUNDATION, MATERIAL INVESTIGATIONS, GEOLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL STUDIES; PREPARE DESIGNS, SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION..."

(K) SCHEDULE A, PARA 2--CHANGE SO IT HAS TWO SUB-PARAGRAPHS. INSERT ON LINE ONE AFTER "ALSO INCLUDE" A COLON AND "(A)". IN LINE 2 AFTER "GEOLOGICAL," INSERT "HYDROLOGICAL, HYDROGEOLOGICAL". INSERT AT END OF PAGE SUB PARA "(B)" AS FOLLOWS: "EVALUATING THE EFFECTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHATEVER SCHEMES THAT MAY BE RECOMMENDED ON THE WATER POTENTIAL OF THE VARIOUS UNDERGROUND WATER ACQUIFERS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UTILIZED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES." NOTE: NEW SUB PARA IS NOT TEXT SUGGESTED REF B. IT STRIKES US AS SAYING MUCH THE SAME THING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER IN PERHAPS SLIGHTLY MORE PRECISE LANGUAGE.

(L) SCHEDULE B--STIKE COLUMN ENTITLED "SERVICE"--AGAIN THIS REFLECTS PROBLEM WITH "FEASIBILITY STUDY". CHANGE LAST TWO WORK ITEM HEADINGS TO READ: "DESIGN, SPECIFICATIONS, COST ESTIMATES AND OTHER TENDER DOCUMENTS" "DESIGN REPORT"

(M) SCHEDULE B--OBVIOUSLY DATES HAVE ALL CHANGED, NOT ONLY DUE TO SLIPPAGE BUT WITH CUT IN PLANNING ENGINEER'S TIME FROM 18 TO 16 MONTHS. PLEASE SUPPLY REVISED DATES PREDICATED ON START NO SOONER THAN JULY 1 (SEE BELOW).

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(N) SCHEDULE C--LOCAL OFFICIALS WISH TO COMBINE ENTIRE BUDGET INTO ONE PACKAGE. THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT DIVIDING INTO TWO ANNUAL SEGMENTS WILL ONLY SERVE TO COMPLICATE THEIR BUDGET PROBLEMS. PAGE 13 WOULD HAVE WORD "FEASIBILITY" DELETED AND WOULD JUST HAVE TWO ITEMS: DESIGN REPORT AND SPECIAL TRAINING ETC. AND ONE TOTAL. PAGES 14 AND 15 WOULD BE COMBINED. THEY WOULD BE ENTITLED "SCALE OF EXPENSES--TOTALS" AND VARIOUS FIGURES WOULD THEN BE TOTALLED ON TO ONE PAGE. EMBASSY CAN MAKE THIS CHANGE IF APPROVED. "SECURITY CLEARANCE" WILL BE CHANGED TO READ "SUITABILITY SCREENING". FOOTNOTE 3 WILL SEE "ABU DHABI" CHANGED TO "UAE". A FOOTNOTE 4 WILL BE INSERTED AFTER ITEM "CONTINGENCIES" TO READ "4/ INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS SALARY INCREASES REFLECTING INFLATION ADJUSTMENT, PROMOTIONS AND OTHER UNFORESEEN OR UNPREDICTABLE CHANGES."

(O) SCHEDULE D--PARA L--CHANGE WORDING TO REFLECT COMBINATION OF SCHEDULE C INTO ONE ESTIMATE WITH TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE ADVANCED TO BUREC WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SIGNING. EMBASSY WILL MAKE CHANGE UNLESS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OFFERED.

PARA 2, LINE 5--AFTER "COMPLETE THE" DELETE WORDS "FEASIBILITY DESIGN STUDY" AND INSERT "DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT".

3. ABOVE CHANGES ARE JUST THOSE SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENT-  
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TIAL DIWAN. FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE MORE INCLUDING TRANSLATION INTO ARABIC (WE WILL INSERT CLAUSE AS PER CUSTOMS AGREEMENT MAKING ENGLISH VERSION CONTROLLING) AND QUITE POSSIBLY QUESTION OF IMMUNITIES PARA 3 PAGE 6 (WE HAVE NOT YET SUGGESTED ALTERNATE LANGUAGE ON THIS POINT, PREFERRING TO MAKE CHANGES AS REQUIRED IN LIGHT OF MFA OBJECTIONS). WE WILL OF COURSE ADVISE NATURE OF ANY SUCH FURTHER CHANGES.

4. RE TIMING OF AGREEMENT, IT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE TO PLAN ON ARRIVAL OF PLANNING ENGINEER IN EARLY JUNE. EVEN IF WE CAN SIGN AGREEMENT BY THEN (UNLIKELY AT THIS POINT) DIWAN WILL STILL HAVE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT BUDGET PROBLEM SO FUNDS WILL ACTUALLY BE AVAILABLE (ONE ONE WANTS REPEAT OF PROBLEMS WE HAD DURING FIRST WEEKS OF ERLICH/MACDONALD STAY). EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, KEEP PUSHING AND BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE SYMPATHETIC EAR OF WORKING LEVELS IN DIWAN SUCH AS DR. JUMA, BUT WE ESTIMATE JULY 1 WILL BE BEST THAT CAN BE EXPECTED FOR STARTING DATE AND IT COULD EASILY BE LATER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RE PROPOSED CHANGES PARA 2 ABOVE. THIS WILL AT LEAST ENABLE EARLY SIGNATURE (BEFORE AMONG OTHER THINGS SHAIKH SUROOR DISAPPEARS FOR SUMMER).  
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